

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 7PM Council member Bill White called the meeting to order. Pledge of allegiance. President Dave Benefiel was not present at the meeting. Council member Harry Justus moved to approve minutes as written upon correction of spelling error. Council member White 2nd. 2 ayes. 0 nos.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Chris King and Dan Theobald with the Shelby County Economic Developmental Committee (SEDC), are asking for the Town's participation. A representative from Morristown would be needed. The initial cost for membership is \$3500. This will be taken to the Redevelopment Commission before making any decisions.
- B. The 2009 Derby Days Scout Race practice and race schedules were given to the Town and asked for permission to close streets. North St. will close July 6th – July 11th for practicing. Practices for both boys and girls will be done that week. Thirty one boys and fourteen girls are racing this year. Main St., Jackson St., and Harper St. will all need to be closed the day of the race. Town Marshall Henry Albrecht stated that it is not necessary for an officer to be at the road closing as long as someone volunteers to direct the traffic. Council member White moved to approve the street closing schedules. Council member Justus 2nd. 2 ayes. 0 nos.
- C. Stacy and Joe Hunter from Floyd/Hunter Environmental distributed to the Town Council information on the services they provide. These services include consulting and training for WasteWater employees.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The website representatives were not available for a presentation.
- B. Fire Department Chief, Steve Davis has spoken with Fire Service Inc. and the final work is almost complete on the truck. Next week it will need to be inspected in Columbus. Chief Davis has asked Clerk Treasurer Tom Reber to inspect the truck due to his experience with truck driving. The pumping system cannot be checked until it is brought on site. It will take 30-45 days to get the truck into service once it has been received by the Fire Department. It will cost \$14,500 to install our equipment into the truck rather than the original quote of \$20,000. \$4,100 has been donated to the Department and a \$12,000 grant has been received by the State which will help with this cost. There has been a bid placed on the old fire truck; Town attorney Jennifer Messer will look over the bid.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. No new business reported.

V. CLERK TREASURER

- A. The first payment on the new Fire Department truck has been made for \$12,734.
- B. Clerk Treasurer Reber presented a Revenue Report on the Racino fund. Last year the License Branch year Revenue was \$93,350 and \$7,000 was used from the Racino. The first quarter of this year the Revenue for the License Branch was \$21,335 and \$4,500 has been used of the Racino funds.

- C. A bill for \$64,062.72 has been received from M.D. Wessler for the new plant. \$7,118.08 will be put into an escrow account. Council member White moved to approve payment of bill. Council member Justus 2nd. 2 ayes. 0 nos. The escrow account is in the process of being set up. Kim Baker from Shelby County Bank first needs a Bank Resolution signed to do this. Town attorney Messer has read over and approves the Council to sign.
- D. There have been complaints of overgrown grass. Town attorney Messer advised to give courtesy calls to the residents that need to mow.
- E. New neighborhood fences are being put up. Town attorney Messer stated that they could possibly be liabilities to the residents. Reber is waiting for rules from Jack Brinson.
- F. Clerk Treasurer Reber stated he would like to attend a conference in French Lick for two days in June that will give him training on tax issues and budget procedures.
- G. Complaints have been received that not enough notice of Heavy Trash Day was given. Council member White stated that he has reported this to the County and that Waldron's Heavy Trash Day is this weekend if anyone is interested.
- H. Chris Sears with Umbaugh has informed Clerk Treasurer Reber that if 125 Plan has not been adopted then there is not a problem concerning the pre tax/post tax. Town attorney Messer advises working towards adopting the 125 Plan. A meeting will be scheduled for the employees to meet with insurance representatives.
- I. First quarter Fund Reports were distributed.

VI. LICENSE BRANCH

- A. Town attorney Messer reported that she met with Libby Manshift, Deputy of the CFO, and Monte Coombs. It was discovered that 46% of renewal transactions are being completed either through the mail or by internet. In the last year 260 employees of the License Branch's have either retired or quit and no effort has been made to replace these individuals since business is slower due to internet/mail renewals and the slower economy. It was discussed how being able to issue CDL's would benefit Morristown's License Branch. There is also discussion of a Regional Manager solely for the partial branches.
- B. There were a few issues with the last audit, but they have been worked through.

VII. POLICE

- A. Town Marshall Albrecht reported that Shelbyville DARE officer applied his Dare Program and Morristown's DARE Program for a grant from the State Board of Health and Morristown DARE will receive \$1,000.
- B. Marshall Albrecht's car needs a new transmission and the estimate is for \$1,800 to \$2,500. The Police Department would like to purchase two used 2006 or 2007 Dodge Durango's at an estimate of \$27,000. Then they would like to sell/bid the Impala to compensate for some of the costs. It would cost \$4,000 per car maximum to install Police equipment into new cars. The Council decided to discuss this at next meeting when President Benefiel is present.
- C. The Scouts are hoping to have the flag pole complete before Derby Days.

VIII. LEGAL

- A. Town attorney Messer has reviewed document from Integrity Bio Fuels and has completed the Town's portion of the form. Town Secretary Elaine Goble-Carlton will type in what Messer wrote into form. Integrity Bio Fuels first needs to certify that the document is accurate before signature of Council. Council member White moved to approve President Benefiel signing the document after certification of accuracy. Council member Justus 2nd. 2 ayes. 0 nos. Amy Glackman also will sign this document. Justin Harvey is the contact.**
- B. Ordinance 2-2008 will be given to the Recorder's Office.**

IX. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

- A. Gary Ruston with M.D. Wessler reported that President Benefiel will be representing the Council at Project Monthly Meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for May 27th.**
- B. Richard Kesar reported he is down to one pump at the WasteWater Treatment Plant.**

X. STREETS

- A. There are still chuck holes on Washington St.**
- B. Water leaks have been fixed on the southside.**
- C. The Fire Department roof repair estimate is at \$13,800.**
- D. It is being looked into to rent a street sweeper to clean streets before Derby Days. The cost is \$2,000 for one week.**
- E. There was a report of a possible water leak at The Ridgeland. Mr. Kesar believes is to only be natural spring water.**

XI. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Deck has been built over meter pit at 109 E. North St. It was decided to not remove pit, but remove the meter from existing pit and install new meter pit at the street.**
- B. A new sign for Asbury Rd. will be put up.**
- C. New Stop signs are needed to be in compliance with Reflection Laws. Kesar is looking into estimates.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Justus moved to adjourn meeting. Council member White 2nd. 2 ayes. 0 nos.

**David L. Benefiel
President**

**Thomas W. Reber
Clerk Treasurer**